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Westminster, Nov. 16.

THE Parliament met this day; And the King being come to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes Seated on the Throne, the Commons were sent for up by the Deputy-Usher of the Black Rod, who attended His Majesty accordingly: And then His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Hope you will not think I have called you out of your Countries too soon, if you consider that Our Common Security requires a further Provision should be made for the Safety of the Kingdom by Sea and Land, before We are at the End of what was Granted for that Purpose the last Session. And when you enter upon this Business, I believe you will think it Necessary to take Care of the Repairs of the Ships, and of the Fortifications, without which, Our Fleet cannot be Safe when it is in Harbour.

I cannot Omit to put you in mind of another Matter, in which so great a Number of My Subjects is Concerned, and wherein the Honour of the Kingdom and the Faith of Parliaments is so far Engaged, that Our future Security seems to Depend upon it; I mean the making Good the Deficiencies of the Fonds, and the Discharging the Debts Contracted by reason of the War.

And till We may be so happy to see the Publick Debts Paid, I shall hope that no Session will End without something done towards Lessening them. While I am speaking to you on this Head, I think My Self Obliged to mention, with a very Particular Concern, a Debt which is Owing to the Prince of Denmark, *the State whereof I have Ordered to be laid before you.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

These Things are of such Importance, that I must earnestly Recommend them to your Consideration, and desire you to Provide the Necessary Supplies.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

There is nothing I should more Rejoice in, than that I were not under the Necessity of so often Asking Aids of My People; But as the Reason of it is Evident, because the Fonds formerly applied to defray the Publick Expence, are now anticipated for Payment of the Debts of the Kingdom; so it is My Satisfaction that you all see, that nothing of what is Demanded is for any Personal Use of Mine. And I do Faithfully Assure you, That no Part of what is Given, shall be diverted from any Purpose for which it is Designed.

I believe the Nation is already Sensible of the Good Effects of Peace, by the manifest Increase of Trade, which I shall make it My Business to Encourage by all Means in My Power. Probably it might receive an Advantage, if some Good Bill were prepared for the more Effectual Preventing and Punishing Unlawful and Clandestine Trading, which does not only tend to Defraud the Publick, but Prejudices the Fair Merchant, and Discourages Our Own Manufactures.

The Increase of the Poor is become a Burden to the Kingdom, and their Loose and Idle Life does in some measure contribute to that Depravation of Manners, which is Complained of (I fear with too much Reason.) Whether the Ground of this Evil be from Defects in the Laws already made, or in the Execution of them, deserves your Consideration. As it is an Indispensable Duty, That the Poor, who are not able to help themselves, should be Maintained, so I cannot but think it extreamly Desirable, That such as are Able and Willing, should not want Employment; and such as are Obstinate and Unwilling, should be compelled to Labour.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have a full Assurance of the Good Affections of My People, which I shall endeavour to Preserve by a Constant Care of their Just Rights and Liberties; by Maintaining the Established Religion; by seeing the Course of Justice kept steady and Equal; the Countenancing Virtue, and Discouraging Vice; and by declining no Difficulties or Dangers where their Welfare and Prosperity may be Concerned.

These are my Resolutions, and I am perswaded that you are come together with Purposes on your Part, suitable to These on Mine. Since then Our Aims are only for the General Good, Let Us act with Confidence in One Another, which will not fail, by God's Blessing, to make Me a Happy King, and you a Great and Flourishing People.

A LIST of the Sheriffs appointed by His Majesty for the Year ensuing.

Berks,	*George Blagrave* Esq;
Bedford,	Sir *John Burgoyne.*
Bucks,	*Richard Whitchurch* Esq;
Gumberland,	*Robert Carleton* Esq;
Cheshire,	*Jonathan Brewyn* Esq;
Cambridge & Huntingdon,	*Richard Read* Esq;
Cornwal,	*William Scawen* Esq;
Devon,	*John Davis* Esq;
Dorset,	*Robert Swayne* Esq;
Derby,	*Robert Revell* Esq;
Ebor.	*Fairfax Norcliff* Esq;
Essex,	*George Pochin* Esq;
Glocester,	*Thomas Chester* Esq;
Hertford,	*Henry Gore* Esq;
Hereford,	*John Hereford* Esq;
Kent,	*William Woodgate* Esq;
Leicester,	*Thomas Skevington* Esq;
Lincoln,	*Christopher Berisford* Esq;
Monmouth,	*Edmund Morgan* Esq;
Northumberl.	*William Wilkinson* Esq;
Northampton,	*Elmes Steward* Esq;
Norfolk,	*Edward Lomb* Esq;
Nottingham,	*Richard Brunt* Esq;
Oxford,	*Burlace Warren* Esq;
Rutland,	*Nehemiah Tookey* Esq;
Salop,	*Thomas Powell* Esq;
Somerset,	*Francis Holles Newman* Esq;
Stafford,	*Thomas Nabs* Esq;
Suffolk,	*Samuel Warner* Esq;
Surrey,	*Leonard Wessell* Esq;
Sussex,	*Thomas Woodyer* Esq;
Warwick,	*John Shugbrough* Esq;
Worcester,	*Benjamin Jolyff* Esq;
Wilts,	*Joseph Holton* Esq;

WALES.

Glamorgan,	Sir *John Thomas.*
Brecknock,	*Thomas Price* Esq;
Radnor,	*Edward Price* Esq;
Carmarthen,	*Walter Morgan* Esq;
Pembroke,	*Thomas Lloyd* Esq;
Cardigan,	*John Philips* Esq;
Merioneth,	*Evan Wynn* Esq;
Anglesey,	*Francis Edwards* Esq;
Montgomery,	Sir *Udall Corbet* Bar.
Denbigh,	*Owen Wynn* Esq;
Flint,	*Roger Price* Esq;

Rome, Nov. 1. The Count of *Lemberg*, Ambassador from the Emperor to the Pope, is shortly expected from *Vienna*, and Count *Martinitz*, who resides here at present